

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 4
ATLANTA FEDERAL CENTER
61 FORSYTH STREET
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8960

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Dr. Sandra Dudley, Director Division of Water Resources William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: Notice of Violation No. 309-2014-02
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No.: TN0020508
City of Decherd Sewage Treatment Plant

Dear Dr. Dudley:

Pursuant to Section 309(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(a)(1), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 has determined that the City of Decherd (City) is in violation of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No.: TN0020508 (Permit) for the City of Decherd Sewage Treatment Plant and has violated, at a minimum, effluent requirements for the parameters summarized here: Total Suspended Solids, Settleable Solids, Total Nitrogen, Total Ammonia Nitrogen, Total Phosphorus, Dissolved Oxygen, E.Coli, 7 Day Chronic Ceriodaphnia and Discharge Monitoring Report Nonreceipt. The EPA is simultaneously notifying the City of these findings through the issuance of a Notice of Violation (NOV). A copy of the NOV to the City is enclosed for your convenience and record.

If the State of Tennessee (State) commences appropriate action within 30 days of receipt of this letter to ensure that the City achieves expeditious compliance with its Permit, additional involvement by the EPA may not be required. However, if the State does not take such action, the EPA may then take the necessary steps to require the City to come into compliance. Please advise the EPA within 15 days of receipt of this letter of the action(s) you plan to take in this matter to ensure that the City achieves expeditious compliance with its Permit requirements. If a formal enforcement action is taken, please provide a copy of the applicable documents for our records.

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact Mr. Maurice Horsey, of my staff, at (404) 562-9764 or via e-mail at Horsey. Maurice @epa.gov.

James D. Giattina
Director
Water Protection Division

Enclosure